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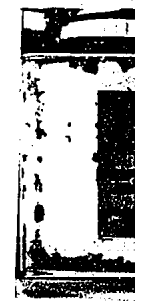

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HUNGARIAN IMPORT SAVINGS DRIVE

The following press items describe Hungary's economy drive in the field of imported materials. In most instances, savings are to be realized through material conserving inventions, use of domestic instead of foreign materials, and more economical production methods.

Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.

In a letter addressed to Matyas Rakosi, the workers of the Budapesti Villamosgep es Kabelgyar (Budapest Electric Machine and Cable Factory, hereafter Kabelgyar) have pledged to save 5,505,000 forints by economizing on imported materials.

The proposed economies are to be effected by making thinner cables, by using domestic instead of imported bakelite for adapters and domestic cellulose paper on cables and high-frequency motors and amplifier parts. Furthermore, the use of reclaimed rubber is to be extended.

Engineers and technicians have promised to design new products which can be assembled entirely from material available in Hungary. These products are to replace imported appliances.

The money saved in this way will be presented to the state for reinvestment.(1)

Although Kabelgyar's pledge to save material valued at 5,505,000 forints was made only a few weeks ago, the plant has already saved material totaling 650,000 forints.

By printing papers in one color rather than in multicolor, the Csomagoloanyaggyar (Wrapping Material Plant) plans to save 21,000 forints' worth of aniline dyes.(2)

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The drive to economize on imported materials is rapidly spreading throughout industry. The most prominent newcomers in the field of light industry are the Budapest i Ladagyar (Budapest Packing Case Factory) which pledged to save imported material valued at 272,400 forints by using local poplar wood instead of pine for crates(3), and the Textilfestogyar (Textile Coloring Factory) which pledged to save 594,000 forints through various new processes.(4)

Two more plants have pledged to support Kabelgyar's "Economize on Imported Materials" drive. The Rontgen es Orvosi Keszulekek Gyara (X-Ray and Medical Appliances Factory) intends to save material valued at 800,000 forints in 1952 by making its own X-ray tube casings and substituting certain locally-made parts for the roller bearings, which have been in short supply.

The pledge states that if the Budapest Kabel es Sodronykotelgyar (Budapest Cable and Rope Factory) can deliver enough cable by the end of September, the former will make its own therapeutic X-ray tube casings; this would mean an additional savings of nearly 3 million forints in 1953.

The Kontakta Villamos Szerelesi Anyagok Gyara (Kontakta Electric Installation Materials Factory) has pledged to save an estimated 95,000 forints in imported materials by economizing or employing substitutes for the basic materials used in making carbon brushes and switches.(5)

A survey of imported materials has been made at the Diosgyori Kohaszati Uzemek (Diosgyor Metallurgical Works) with a view to economizing on the use of these materials.

Pledges have been made to reduce the amount of magnesite used in the open-hearth furnaces from 8.3 to 6 kilograms per ton. Other economies will include 500 kilograms of nickel, 2,000 kilograms of ferrowolfram, 500 kilograms of ferrovanadium, and 1,800 kilograms of graphite electrode per month.(6)

The Motorkerekpargyar (Motor Bicycle Factory) of the Rakosi Matyas Muvek (Matyas Rakosi Works), Csepel, has succeeded in economizing large amounts of imported materials. On the basis of experiments, bakelite is now being used for the manufacture of roller bearing bushings, and the substitute material has given better results than the bronze used previously. Other savings in imported materials include aluminum alloys and special steels. Bakelite is now also used as a substitute for various nonferrous metals in the manufacture of bicycles, sewing machines, and machine tools.

In the light industries, savings are being made in the use of carbon paper by the use of domestic substitute materials.(7)

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